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E.O. 11652: NA
SUBJECT: TRANS-GABON RAILROAD
TAG: AIDAC

REF: STATE 133014

1. IN JULY 9 MEETING WITH FERRANDI I EXPLAINED
AID INABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RAILROAD
FINANCING BECAUSE PROJECT FAILED TO MEET AID
ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY CRITERIA AND IN VIEW BUREAU
OF MINES NEGATIVE REPORT ON POSSIBILITY EARLY
OPENING OF MEKAMBO MINE. FERRANDI REPLIED OUR
POSITION CAME AS NO SURPRISE BUT DISPUTED OUR
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PESSIMISM ON MINE OPENING WHILE ADMITTING THERE WAS

NO SOLID EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT EITHER VIEW.

2. WHILE ABSENCE OUR \$5 MILLION CONTRIBUTION DID NOT CONSTITUTE A MAJOR FINANCIAL PROBLEM FOR THE PROJECT, FERRANDI FELT OUR POSITION COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE INFLUENCE ON OTHER PROSPECTIVE DONORS. HE, THEREFORE, REQUESTED ME TO WITHHOLD PRESENTING AID POSITION UNTIL ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS HAD SPOKEN, STICK AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO OUR TECHNICAL OBJECTIONS AND AVOID AS FAR AS I COULD STRESSING NEGATIVE VIEWPOINT ON ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY. FERRANDI EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER UNCHANGED EX-IM POSITION AND AID OFFER TO CONSIDER FINANCING OF ANY INHERENTLY FEASIBLE TIMBER EVACUATION ROADS UP TO OUR ORIGINAL \$5 MILLION FIGURE SINCE THESE ROADS WOULD BE A NECESSARY ADJUNCT TO THE PROJECT. GREENWALD

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